





Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 493 December 15, 2020, 6:35 p.m. (ChST)

> Results: 12 of 484 Test Positive for COVID-19; SNAP Supplemental Emergency Allotment Issuances for December 2020

Results: 12 New Cases of COVID-19

Twelve (12) new cases of COVID-19 were identified out of 484 tests performed on Monday, December 14, 2020. Three (3) cases were identified through contact tracing. Three (3) cases reported recent travel history and were identified in quarantine.

To date, there have been a total of **7,149** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **119** deaths, **519** cases in active isolation and **6,511** not in active isolation.

TODAY'S CAR SCORE

1.3

The COVID Area Risk (CAR) Score accounts for the incidence of new cases, how well current testing identifies these cases, and the rate of spread. Given the recent surges, Guam's first step has been to achieve a sustained CAR Score of 5.0 and below. The ideal long-term goal is to sustain a CAR Score of 2.5 or less, which has been shown to correlate with very low to zero COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths. To learn more about the CAR Score, visit Strive for Five.

The following tables provide COVID-19 test results reported to the Joint Information Center on Tuesday, December 15 and reflects results from Monday, December 14:

COVID-19 CASE COUNT	TOTAL	NEW CASES REPORTED TODAY	PAST 7 DAYS
COVID-19 CASES:	7,149	12	112
CONFIRMED CASES:	6,988	10	88
PROBABLE CASES:	161	2	24

COVID-19 TESTING ON GUAM	TOTAL	NEW TESTS REPORTED TODAY	7-DAY % POSITIVE
DIAGNOSTIC TESTS	96,193	484	8.3%
MOLECULAR TESTS	91,448	475	8.5%
ANTIGEN TEST	4,745	9	4.7%

CASE BREAKDOWN			
STATUS	TOTAL	CURRENT ISOLATION LOCATION	TOTAL
COVID-19 Death	119	Hospital	28 *
Active Isolation	519	Home	448
Not In Isolation	6,511	Isolation Facility	33
Civilian	6,820	Military	11
Military Service Member	329		

COVID HOSPITAL CENSUS	Guam Memorial Hospital	Guam Regional Medical City	U.S. Naval Hospital	TOTAL
COVID ADMISSION	25	3	0	28*
IN ICU	8	1	0	9
ON VENTILATOR	4	1	0	5

^{*}Hospitalization rate is based on intake numbers reported to the JIC.

SNAP Supplemental Emergency Allotment Issuances for December 2020

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) would like to announce that the SNAP Supplemental Emergency Allotment for the month of December 2020 will be released on December 18. These benefits will be electronically loaded into the SNAP recipients' EBT cards.

As a reminder, the law authorized the issuance of emergency supplemental benefits to households receiving SNAP up to the maximum allowable SNAP monthly benefit for a household's size. Calculation is based on the number of eligible household members. Households that already received the maximum benefit for their household's size will not receive an additional emergency allotment.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the numbers below.

- BES North (Dededo) at 635-7488/635-7484/635-7439/635-7430
- BES Central (RAN-Care) at 300-8853/300-8854/300-8850/300-8865

GBHWC Crisis Hotline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov</u> or <u>guamrecovery.com</u>. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.